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In re Patent Application of

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Examiner: Simone

For: FLEXIBLE NON-METALLIC SEALS MADE OF NON-WOVEN FABRIC WITH
INSERTS

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July 22, 2005

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

The Examiner in the Statement on Reasons for Allowance in the Notice of Allowability of July 15, 2005, has focused on singular aspects of each of the independent claims while at the same time has indicated that the prior art fails to teach or suggest the recited seal structure. Applicants agree that the recited seal structure including all of the elements and functions in the claims are not disclosed or suggested in the prior art. Applicants conclude, therefore, based on the stated reasons for allowance that the Examiner has considered the entirety of each of the claims in his consideration of patentability and not simply the aspects of each independent claim identified in the statement. That is, all elements and functions recited in the claims are believed to have been considered by the Examiner in combination and at such consideration is the stated reasons for allowance.

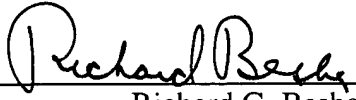
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